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My name is Dennis Rash, I'm a long term educator, 37 years helping young children talk about idealism. I cannot equal the vast experience that the engineering and technical people are putting forth today. I can only give you, what I call, my own truth. And I value my own truth, my rules are how it effects me exactly. What I see and what I feel and I what I hear is the truth to me. So this is the common rule that I have found. And I have found a lot of times that common sense, there's a lot of uncommon, common sense.

First of all I read the paper and I see that in France, there's an oil spill. I read the paper and I see there's a new oil spill in Rio de Janeiro and Japan just had one. To me the closest thing that I can see is Lake Erie, oceans water and I cannot see how this oil mixes. And I have to believe that when they started these tankers, when they started these problems, they had good intentions and they were not counting on accidents. I really believe that the people that made this presentation here, the Department of Energy, the NRC really wants to get economical energy, a safe environment and wants to live a perfect life. And I believe all the people here want the same thing. But I have to go back to, once again, myself. The term I use is variables. As I would try to talk to all of you here, all of you have different backgrounds, different experiences, different plans, so it would be very difficult to channel you into a same team.

1 As we try to do this plan of taking nuclear waste and moving it all across the country, it's like a standardized McDonald operation, every truck will be the same, every driver will be the same, I'm sure there won't be any variables. Well, I just wrote down a few variables. Who makes the trucks? Are they always exactly the same?

60 minutes or 20/20 just had a program that said about licensing of drivers. It said that they have no information about drivers, they don't have anything about their records, they don't have anything about their mental states, there's 10,000 variables. We see bus drivers go off the road because they have a heart condition. We see two basketball players going 100 miles an hour and one of them doesn't even have a license and one of them does. There's so many variables in this thing. What happens if weather comes, black ice? What if two kids in Lakewood, playing around with a crowbar on one of those rail tracks decide just to move one a little bit? It's just a little bit of vandalism, it isn't gonna matter at all. Poor people here in Lakewood, they thought they had it so well because Mayor White is going to eliminate the sirens through their town. It's going to be awful quiet as it goes through Lakewood in a tough density place with nuclear waste going through there. So then once the sirens are quiet, who knows what can happen.

2... I believe everyone's intentions are good. I would like to make another comment about studies. Frankly, at my age studies don't mean anything to me. You can quote these studies. The idea of setting up the studies and doing the studies is what keeps us all busy. I never met a study -- I started off with charcoal, they told me don't eat charcoal, that's what I remember the first thing, or you're going to get in trouble. I'm in to cholesterol, no cholesterol, don't use this kind of soap, don't go outside, don't wear this, it's all studies. Tell me one study that we all -- we can't even get religion to be on the same page. That's a pretty good study. So I would like to just leave you with the idea that we should look at this. My first thing is keep it simple stupid. Which means, keep

2 cont. it where it's at and the next thing is don't add to the problem. Once again, I agree with everybody,
3 stop the source and have less problems on where to put this. I hope we do well here. And I hope
-- I thank all of you for coming here because that means you're good citizens.